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Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision Supplement ALTERNATIVE A

Theme

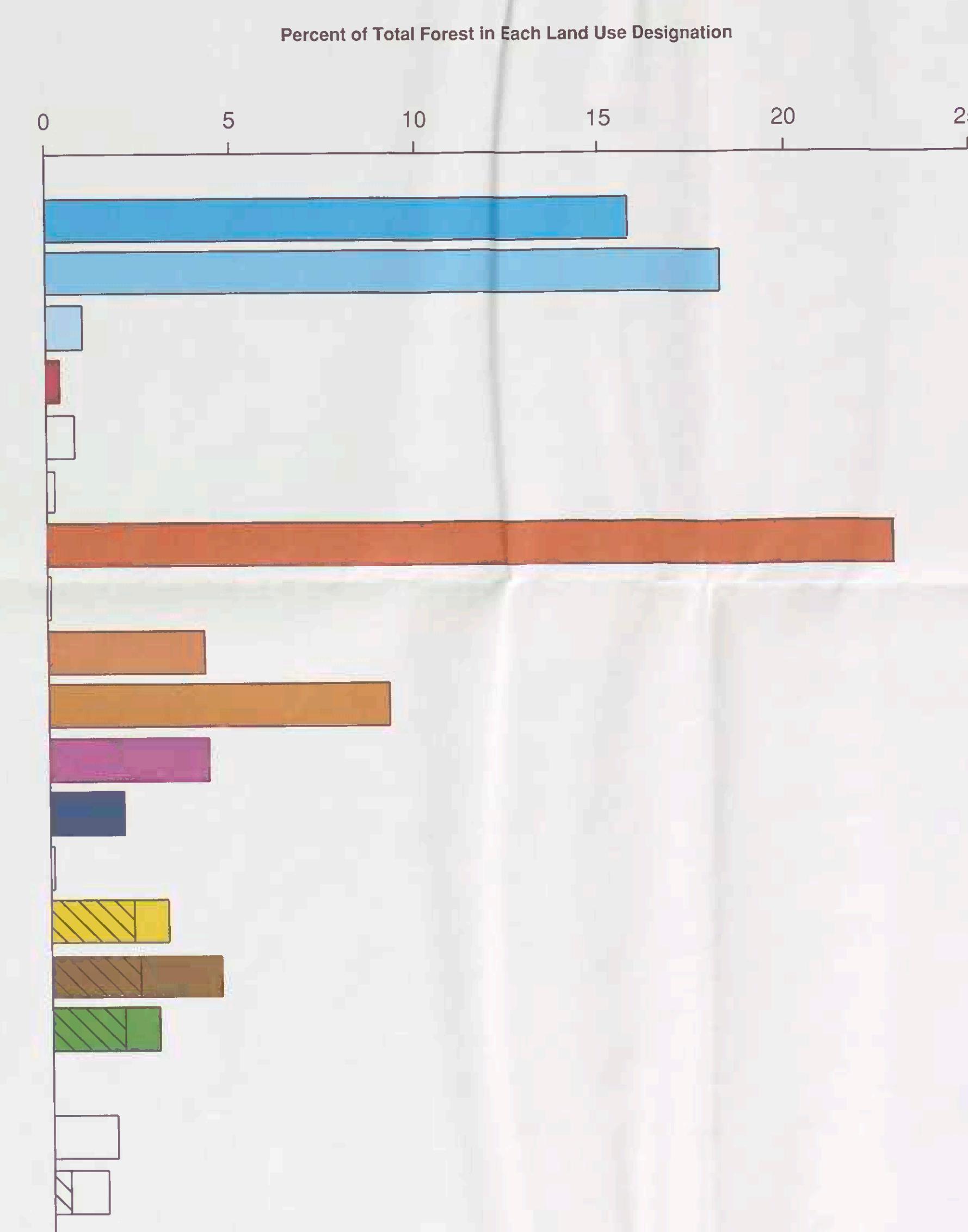
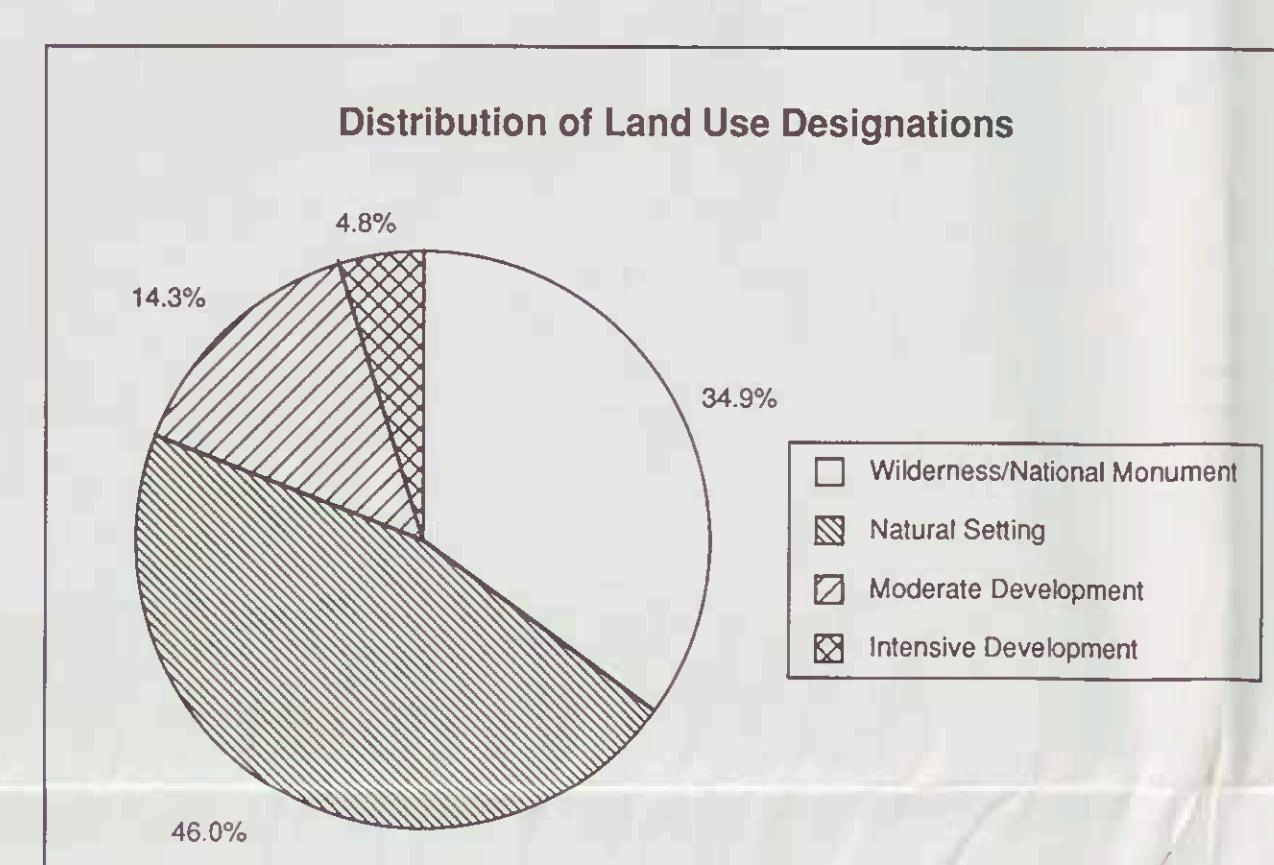
The theme of this alternative is to emphasize high-quality fish and wildlife habitat, unroaded areas, wild, scenic, and recreation rivers, scenic quality, subsistence use, and a wide range of recreation and tourism opportunities in a natural setting. Timber harvest and mining may occur at levels compatible with the non-market emphasis of this alternative.

Legend

Direction Common to All Land Use Designations	
All land use designations provide for the continuation of reasonable access to subsistence resources and the general use of snowmachines, motorboats, and other means of traditional surface transportation by rural residents.	
With the exception of Wild Rivers and Research Natural Areas, all land use designations are open to mineral exploration and development unless previously withdrawn.	Acreage Allocated
Wilderness/National Monuments	2,672,603*
WW - Wilderness - Manage for the preservation of areas essentially unaffected by human use to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude, primitive recreation, and scientific and educational uses. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanical equipment and motorized equipment is limited.	3,099,048†
WM - Wilderness National Monuments - Manage the Wilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monuments that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation and to protect and enhance natural values, including scientific, aesthetic, and scientific interest. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanical equipment and motorized equipment is limited.	159,372‡
NM - Non-Wilderness National Monuments - Manage the nonwilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monument to facilitate development of significant mineral resources, and to assure that mining activities are compatible, to the maximum extent feasible, with the purposes for which the Monument was established.	
Natural Setting	
RA - Research Natural Area - Manage areas to maintain natural diversity on National Forest System lands. Current natural diversity is maintained as possible. No timber harvest is permitted.	50,356*
SA - Special Interest Area - Provide for the protection and interpretation of selected areas with unique archaeological, historical, recreational, scenic, geological, botanical, ecological, or paleontological features. No timber harvest is permitted. Roads will not be permitted unless compatible with management objectives.	121,666§
OA - Other Area - Emphasize stewardship and protection of lands for which there is no other specific land use designation. Roads will not be built except where necessary to access adjacent land use designations.	33,035
PR - Primitive Recreation - Provide for recreation opportunities and experiences outside Wilderness in unmodified natural environments where interaction with visitors is infrequent, and the opportunity for individual solitude is available. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads are absent.	3,975,046
MW - Enacted Municipal Watershed - Manage enacted municipal watersheds to meet State Water Quality Standards under conditions that protect the quantity and quality of water. Roads are limited to those needed to administer the municipal watershed.	9,773
OG - Old-Growth Habitat - Maintain old-growth habitat in its natural condition to favor old-growth associated fish and wildlife resources. No timber harvesting will be scheduled, but infested and diseased timber is limited to administer the municipal watershed.	712,159
SP - Semi-primitive Recreation - Provide motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities in natural and natural appearing environments where interaction with others is low and the opportunity for independence and self-reliance is available. Roads will be located outside the area when possible.	1,555,084
ULU - Land Use Designation I - Manage these Congregate designated areas in acohesive areas to retain the wildland character. Wildlife and fish habitat, and primitive and primitive recreational facility developments are permitted. Timber harvesting will be scheduled and roads will be located outside the area when possible.	727,765*
WSR - Wild, Scenic, or Recreation River - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as Wild, Scenic or Recreation River. See descriptions of these designations below.	337,777
Moderate Development	
EF - Experimental Forests - Manage to provide a variety of long-term opportunities for forest research and demonstration areas. Timber harvesting will occur only for these purposes. Roads may be developed to facilitate ongoing activities.	11,872
SV - Scenic Viewshed - Management activities are not visually apparent to the casual observer in the near vicinity from important land or marine travel routes, recreation areas, or popular boat and anchorage. In the middle to background distance, activities are subordinate to the landscape character of the area. Timber harvest is limited to areas of natural regeneration.	916,472
ML - Modified Landscape - Manage for a variety of uses. Activities are subordinate to the visual character as seen in the near distance. In the middle to background, activities may dominate but are designed to be compatible with features found in the characteristic landscape. Timber harvest is allowed.	374,654†
Intensive Development	
TM - Timber Production - Manage the area to maintain and promote industrial wood production. These lands will be managed under conditions favorable for the timber resource and for maximum long-term timber production. Roads are permitted.	821,069
MM - Minerals - Encourage the exploration and development of mineral resources in areas having high potential for mineral commodities including nationally designated strategic and critical minerals. Until mineral activities are pursued, the area will be managed according to the land-use designation indicated.	327,048†
Not Identified Due to Scale	
BF - Beach Fringe and Estuary - Manage to preserve unique habitats, including wetland cold-water fringe, estuarine, and beach above the mean high-tide line. Timber harvesting is limited to encourage development of old-growth habitat characteristics. Roads will be developed to facilitate ongoing activities.	288,354
SL - Stream and Lake Protection - Maintain and enhance fish and water resources associated with streams and lakes. Timber harvesting is allowed where not in conflict with maintaining or enhancing riparian-associated resources. Roads will be located outside the area to the extent practicable.	322,709‡
WR - Wild Rivers - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as Wild River. Shoreslines are largely undeveloped but may be accessible by places by coast. Roads are generally not present. Access is by trail, airplane, or boat.	1,082 miles
RR - Recreation Rivers - Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as Recreation River. Shoreline development may occur and the river may be managed by trail, airplane, or boat. Timber harvesting is allowed with priority to maintain existing recreation sites and proposed projects. Roads are permitted.	154 miles
TUS - Transportation and Utility Systems - Emphasize existing and potential major public transportation and utility systems. Roads, railroads, pipelines, and utility systems are considered, the area will be managed according to the land use designation indicated.	
Other	
Suitable and Available Timber - The portion of forested land in Scenic Viewshed, Modified Landscape, and Timber Production being considered for timber harvesting in this alternative.	
Non-National Forest	
Alaska Marine Highway System	



VICINITY MAP



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